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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR SAYS THAT "CARTER ACTS, GILLESPIE DITHERS"

1. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE APRIL 22 TORONTO STAR, HEADLINED "CARTER ACTS, GILLESPIE DITHERS," STATES THAT "THE CONTRAST BETWEEN U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMIE CARTER'S BOLD, COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY AND FEDERAL ENERGY MINISTER ALASTAIR GILLESPIE DITHERINGS SHOULD ALARM CANADIANS." THE STAR CONTINUES THAT THE PRESIDENT "HAS PRESENTED AMERICANS WITH AN OVERALL ENERGY PLAN" AND THAT "UNLIKE GILLESPIE, CARTER HAS A CLEAR SET OF TARGERS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION...UNLIKE GILLESPIE, CARTER IS ALSO GIVING AMERICANS A STRONG INCENTIVE TO INSULATE THEIR HOMES AND MAKE THEIR INDUSTRIEQ MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT."O

2. THE STAR WRITES THAT "GILLEPIE HAS LOTS OF PRAISE FOR CARTER. BUT HE SAYS HE WANTS TO THINK SOME MORE BEFORE TAKING SUCH AN ALL-OUT APPROACH IN CANADA. WHATON EARTH, ONE CAN ONLY ASK, IS HE WAITING FOR?" AFTER REVIEWING SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S INCENTIVES TO DEVELOP CONSERVATION AND STIMULATE SOLAR ENERGY,THE STAR CONCLUDES: "MEANWHILE BACK IN CANADA, GILLESPIE IS RELYING HEAVILY ON RHETORIC INSTEAD OF INCENTIVES AND IS PUTTING
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ONLY A PIDDLING AMOUNT INTO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SOLAR TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH.

"IT'S A POLICY THAT WON'T WORK.

"CANADA, LIKE THE U.S., NEEDS A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY, AS CARTER PUT IT, TO ROTECT OUR JOBS, OUR ENVIRONMENT,

OUR NATIONALINDEPENDENCE, OUR STANDARD OF LIVING AND OUR
FUTURE. WE CAN'T DITHER ANY LONGER."
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